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# Allen County Public Library 2008 Poetry Contest

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## Winners Sorted by Grade

Kindergarten	First Place	<b>The Recycle Bin</b>	Josh Henschen	Emmanuel-St. Michael
Kindergarten	Second Place	<b>Take Care of the Earth</b>	Carter Cumbey	Emmaus Lutheran
Kindergarten	Third Place	<b>Recycling</b>	Graham Stiver	Homeschool
Grade 1	First Place	<b>Clean Earth</b>	Nate DeRose	Huntertown
Grade 1	Second Place	<b>Don't Throw Trash</b>	Tim DeRose	Huntertown
Grade 1	Third Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Brenden Mahoney	Holy Cross Lutheran
Grade 1	Honorable Mention	<b>Green Earth</b>	Rod Custard	Bethlehem Lutheran
Grade 2	First Place	<b>Recycle</b>	Zoe Moore	Weisser Park Fine Arts Magnet
Grade 2	Second Place	<b>Save the Earth</b>	Alexa Walters	Croninger
Grade 2	Third Place	<b>A Matter of My Heart</b>	Ben Henschen	Emmanuel-St. Michael
Grade 2	Honorable Mention	<b>Go</b>	Alexis Harper	Oak View
Grade 3	First Place	<b>A Gift Giver</b>	Sophie Parrent	Homeschool
Grade 3	Second Place	<b>Healing the Earth</b>	Sam Dick	Weisser Park Fine Arts Magnet
Grade 3	Third Place	<b>Be a Green Machine</b>	Kelsey Matthias	Croninger
Grade 3	Honorable Mention	<b>Why?</b>	Emily Johnson	Canterbury
Grade 3	Honorable Mention	<b>Our Earth</b>	Bethany Zeckzer	Central Lutheran
Grade 4	First Place	<b>Green Kids</b>	Avery Volz	Croninger
Grade 4	Second Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Hailey Collins	Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel
Grade 4	Third Place	<b>Saving Energy</b>	Taylor Barrette	Holy Cross Lutheran
Grade 4	Honorable Mention	<b>Save the Planet</b>	Morgan Moloney	Holy Cross Lutheran
Grade 5	First Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Andrew Danielson	Sunnybrook
Grade 5	Second Place	<b>Recycle!!!</b>	Brittany Marquart	Adams
Grade 5	Third Place	<b>The Three Rs</b>	Gina Obergfell	St. Jude
Grade 5	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green</b>	Braydon Gass	Holy Cross Lutheran
Grade 5	Honorable Mention	<b>Help Planet Earth</b>	Veronica Chunn	Adams
Grade 6	First Place	<b>Wonderful Sites Being Ruined</b>	Michaela Mintch	Memorial Park
Grade 6	Second Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Molly McCune	Memorial Park
Grade 6	Third Place	<b>Solution</b>	Grace King	St. Paul's Lutheran
Grade 6	Honorable Mention	<b>The Great Trees</b>	Emerald Guntle	Memorial Park
Grade 7	First Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Cassidy Zickmund	Leo
Grade 7	Second Place	<b>Go Green!!</b>	Ericka Ewell	Holy Cross Lutheran
Grade 7	Third Place	<b>Go Green Haiku</b>	Will Jettinghoff	Holy Cross Lutheran
Grade 7	Honorable Mention	<b>untitled</b>	Nick Busse	Leo



Grade 8	First Place	<b>Going Green</b>	Stephan Gieschen	St. Paul's Lutheran
Grade 8	Second Place	<b>Going Green</b>	Lucinda Waldschmidt	Memorial Park
Grade 8	Third Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Emily Barrand	Memorial Park
Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>Green Trees</b>	Sarah Bellavance	Canterbury
Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>The Clearing</b>	Daniela Moeller	St. Paul's Lutheran
Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>The Oak</b>	Abbey Faile	St. Paul's Lutheran
Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>untitled</b>	Al Stovall	Canterbury
Grade 9	First Place	<b>The Last Tree</b>	Jade Muncy	Bishop Dwenger
Grade 9	Second Place	<b>My Planet</b>	Elineida Lucca	North Side
Grade 9	Third Place	<b>untitled</b>	Veronica Frecker	Bishop Luers
Grade 9	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green!!</b>	Sonya Washington II	Snider
Grade 10	First Place	<b>Snow</b>	Nikki Fawcett	Leo
Grade 10	Second Place	<b>I Am a Recycle bin</b>	Leartry Jenkins	Elmhurst
Grade 10	Third Place	<b>Emotion Poem</b>	Daniel Brocks	North Side
Grade 10	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green!</b>	Ashlyn Randall	Bishop Dwenger
Grade 11	First Place	<b>don't make Her miss Him</b>	Nicole Dent	Bishop Dwenger
Grade 11	Second Place	<b>More than What is Seen</b>	Katie DelBello	Bishop Dwenger
Grade 11	Third Place	<b>Sprouts</b>	Nicholas Westerhausen	Leo
Grade 11	Honorable Mention	<b>Handful of Water</b>	Jade Pressler	Bishop Dwenger
Grade 12	First Place	<b>Garden of Beginning</b>	Justin Green	Wayne
Grade 12	Second Place	<b>Green</b>	Tom Zehr	Bishop Dwenger
Grade 12	Third Place	<b>Help Save the World</b>	Amber Terry	Elmhurst
Grade 12	Honorable Mention	<b>Melting Planet</b>	Alex Banister	Bishop Dwenger

## Winners sorted by Name

Alex Banister	Grade 12	Honorable Mention	<b>Melting Planet</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Emily Barrand	Grade 8	Third Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Memorial Park
Taylor Barrette	Grade 4	Third Place	<b>Saving Energy</b>	Holy Cross
Sarah Bellavance	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>Green Trees</b>	Canterbury
Nick Busse	Grade 7	Honorable Mention	<b>untitled</b>	Leo
Veronica Chunn	Grade 5	Honorable Mention	<b>Help Planet Earth</b>	Adams
Hailey Collins	Grade 4	Second Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel
Carter Cumbey	Kindergarten	Second Place	<b>Take Care of the Earth</b>	Emmaus Lutheran
Rod Custard	Grade 1	Honorable Mention	<b>Green Earth</b>	Bethlehem Lutheran
Andrew Danielson	Grade 5	First Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Sunnybrook





Katie DelBello	Grade 11	Second Place	<b>More than What is Seen</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Nicole Dent	Grade 11	First Place	<b>don't make Her miss Him</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Nate DeRose	Grade 1	First Place	<b>Clean Earth</b>	Huntertown
Tim DeRose	Grade 1	Second Place	<b>Don't Throw Trash</b>	Huntertown
Sam Dick	Grade 3	Second Place	<b>Healing the Earth</b>	Weisser Park
Ericka Ewell	Grade 7	Second Place	<b>Go Green!!</b>	Holy Cross Lutheran
Abbey Faile	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>The Oak</b>	St. Paul's Lutheran
Nikki Fawcett	Grade 10	First Place	<b>Snow</b>	Leo
Veronica Frecker	Grade 9	Third Place	<b>untitled</b>	Bishop Luers
Braydon Gass	Grade 5	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green</b>	Holy Cross Lutheran
Stephan Gieschen	Grade 8	First Place	<b>Going Green</b>	St. Paul's Lutheran
Justin Green	Grade 12	First Place	<b>Garden of Beginning</b>	Wayne
Emerald Guntle	Grade 6	Honorable Mention	<b>The Great Trees</b>	Memorial Park
Alexis Harper	Grade 2	Honorable Mention	<b>Go</b>	Oak View
Ben Henschen	Grade 2	Third Place	<b>A Matter of My Heart</b>	Emmanuel-St. Michael
Josh Henschen	Kindergarten	First Place	<b>The Recycle Bin</b>	Emmanuel-St. Michael
Leartry Jenkins	Grade 10	Second Place	<b>I Am a Recycle bin</b>	Elmhurst
Will Jettinghoff	Grade 7	Third Place	<b>Go Green Haiku</b>	Holy Cross Lutheran
Emily Johnson	Grade 3	Honorable Mention	<b>Why?</b>	Canterbury
Grace King	Grade 6	Third Place	<b>Solution</b>	St. Paul's Lutheran
Elineida Lucca	Grade 9	Second Place	<b>My Planet</b>	North Side
Brenden Mahoney	Grade 1	Third Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Holy Cross Lutheran
Brittany Marquart	Grade 5	Second Place	<b>Recycle!!!</b>	Adams
Kelsey Matthias	Grade 3	Third Place	<b>Be a Green Machine</b>	Croninger
Molly McCune	Grade 6	Second Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Memorial Park
Michaela Mintch	Grade 6	First Place	<b>Wonderful Sites Being Ruined</b>	Memorial Park
Daniela Moeller	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>The Clearing</b>	St. Paul's Lutheran
Morgan Moloney	Grade 4	Honorable Mention	<b>Save the Planet</b>	Holy Cross Lutheran
Zoe Moore	Grade 2	First Place	<b>Recycle</b>	Weisser Park
Jade Muncy	Grade 9	First Place	<b>The Last Tree</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Gina Obergfell	Grade 5	Third Place	<b>The Three Rs</b>	St. Jude
Sophie Parrent	Grade 3	First Place	<b>A Gift Giver</b>	Homeschool
Jade Pressler	Grade 11	Honorable Mention	<b>Handful of Water</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Ashlyn Randall	Grade 10	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green!</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Graham Stiver	Kindergarten	Third Place	<b>Recycling</b>	Homeschool
Al Stovall	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>untitled</b>	Canterbury
Amber Terry	Grade 12	Third Place	<b>Help Save the World</b>	Elmhurst
Avery Volz	Grade 4	First Place	<b>Green Kids</b>	Croninger
Lucinda Waldschmidt	Grade 8	Second Place	<b>Going Green</b>	Memorial Park
Alexa Walters	Grade 2	Second Place	<b>Save the Earth</b>	Croninger
Sonya Washington II	Grade 9	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green!!</b>	Snider
Nicholas Westerhausen	Grade 11	Third Place	<b>Sprouts</b>	Leo





Daniel Brooks	Grade 10	Third Place	<b>Emotion Poem</b>	North Side
Bethany Zeckzer	Grade 3	Honorable Mention	<b>Our Earth</b>	Central Lutheran
Tom Zehr	Grade 12	Second Place	<b>Green</b>	Bishop Dwenger
Cassidy Zickmund	Grade 7	First Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Leo

## Winners sorted by School

Adams	Grade 5	Honorable Mention	<b>Help Planet Earth</b>	Veronica Chunn
Adams	Grade 5	Second Place	<b>Recycle!!!</b>	Brittany Marquart
Bethlehem Lutheran	Grade 1	Honorable Mention	<b>Green Earth</b>	Rod Custard
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 9	First Place	<b>The Last Tree</b>	Jade Muncy
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 10	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green!</b>	Ashlyn Randall
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 11	First Place	<b>don't make Her miss Him</b>	Nicole Dent
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 11	Honorable Mention	<b>Handful of Water</b>	Jade Pressler
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 11	Second Place	<b>More than What is Seen</b>	Katie DelBello
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 12	Honorable Mention	<b>Melting Planet</b>	Alex Banister
Bishop Dwenger	Grade 12	Second Place	<b>Green</b>	Tom Zehr
Bishop Luers	Grade 9	Third Place	<b>untitled</b>	Veronica Frecker
Canterbury	Grade 3	Honorable Mention	<b>Why?</b>	Emily Johnson
Canterbury	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>Green Trees</b>	Sarah Bellavance
Canterbury	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>untitled</b>	Al Stovall
Central Lutheran	Grade 3	Honorable Mention	<b>Our Earth</b>	Bethany Zeckzer
Croninger	Grade 2	Second Place	<b>Save the Earth</b>	Alexa Walters
Croninger	Grade 3	Third Place	<b>Be a Green Machine</b>	Kelsey Matthias
Croninger	Grade 4	First Place	<b>Green Kids</b>	Avery Volz
Elmhurst	Grade 10	Second Place	<b>I Am a Recycle bin</b>	Leartry Jenkins
Elmhurst	Grade 12	Third Place	<b>Help Save the World</b>	Amber Terry
Emmanuel-St. Michael	Grade 2	Third Place	<b>A Matter of My Heart</b>	Ben Henschen
Emmanuel-St. Michael	Kindergarten	First Place	<b>The Recycle Bin</b>	Josh Henschen
Emmaus Lutheran	Kindergarten	Second Place	<b>Take Care of the Earth</b>	Carter Cumbey
Holy Cross Lutheran	Grade 1	Third Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Brenden Mahoney
Holy Cross Lutheran	Grade 4	Honorable Mention	<b>Save the Planet</b>	Morgan Moloney
Holy Cross Lutheran	Grade 4	Third Place	<b>Saving Energy</b>	Taylor Barrette
Holy Cross Lutheran	Grade 5	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green</b>	Braydon Gass
Holy Cross Lutheran	Grade 7	Second Place	<b>Go Green!!</b>	Ericka Ewell

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Holy Cross Lutheran	Grade 7	Third Place	<b>Go Green Haiku</b>	Will Jettinghoff
Homeschool	Grade 3	First Place	<b>A Gift Giver</b>	Sophie Parrent
Homeschool	Kindergarten	Third Place	<b>Recycling</b>	Graham Stiver
Huntertown	Grade 1	First Place	<b>Clean Earth</b>	Nate DeRose
Huntertown	Grade 1	Second Place	<b>Don't Throw Trash</b>	Tim DeRose
Leo	Grade 10	First Place	<b>Snow</b>	Nikki Fawcett
Leo	Grade 11	Third Place	<b>Sprouts</b>	Nicholas Westerhausen
Leo	Grade 7	First Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Cassidy Zickmund
Leo	Grade 7	Honorable Mention	<b>untitled</b>	Nick Busse
Memorial Park	Grade 6	First Place	<b>Wonderful Sites Being Ruined</b>	Michaela Mintch
Memorial Park	Grade 6	Honorable Mention	<b>The Great Trees</b>	Emerald Guntle
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Memorial Park	Grade 8	Second Place	<b>Going Green</b>	Lucinda Waldschmidt
Memorial Park	Grade 8	Third Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Emily Barrand
North Side	Grade 10	Third Place	<b>Emotion Poem</b>	Daniel Brooks
North Side	Grade 9	Second Place	<b>My Planet</b>	Elineida Lucca
Oak View	Grade 2	Honorable Mention	<b>Go</b>	Alexis Harper
Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel	Grade 4	Second Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Hailey Collins
Snider	Grade 9	Honorable Mention	<b>Go Green!!</b>	Sonya Washington II
St. Jude	Grade 5	Third Place	<b>The Three Rs</b>	Gina Obergfell
St. Paul's Lutheran	Grade 6	Third Place	<b>Solution</b>	Grace King
St. Paul's Lutheran	Grade 8	First Place	<b>Going Green</b>	Stephan Gieschen
St. Paul's Lutheran	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>The Clearing</b>	Daniela Moeller
St. Paul's Lutheran	Grade 8	Honorable Mention	<b>The Oak</b>	Abbey Faile
Sunnybrook	Grade 5	First Place	<b>Go Green</b>	Andrew Danielson
Wayne	Grade 12	First Place	<b>Garden of Beginning</b>	Justin Green
Weisser Park	Grade 2	First Place	<b>Recycle</b>	Zoe Moore
Weisser Park	Grade 3	Second Place	<b>Healing the Earth</b>	Sam Dick





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Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Josh Henschen

Emmanuel-St. Michael

### **The Recycling Bin**

Crawling up the recycling bin,  
A spider looks in.  
And what does he see?  
Treasures collected by me!

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Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Carter Cumbey

Emmaus Lutheran

### **Take Care of the Earth**

Grow flowers, water them  
Take out the weeds, take out the weeds  
Recycle  
Put it in the bins, put it in the trucks, take it away  
Make something new  
Earth is our home

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Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Graham Stiver

Homeschool

### **Recycling**

Recycle, recycle  
I love to recycle  
Recycling is great  
It's just used again and again  
We don't have to cut trees  
It makes our world clean  
And green!

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First Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Nate DeRose

Huntertown

### **Clean Earth**

No garbage on the ground  
Take care of trees  
Turn off the lights  
Keep the earth clean!  
please.





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**First Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Tim DeRose**

**Huntertown**

**Don't Throw Trash**

Hunt for cans on the ground,  
Stomp on them for the crunching sound.

Pick up trash if you see it;  
The forest will be cleaner by the minute.

Keep the water clean too  
So people can swim  
Don't throw anything out on a whim.

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**First Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Brenden Mahoney**

**Holy Cross Lutheran**

**GO GREEN**

Don't  
Hurt the earth.  
Please pick up the trash  
Put the earth  
First.

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**First Grade – Honorable Mention**  
**Rod Custard**

**Bethlehem Lutheran**

**Green Earth**

God wants you to keep  
the Earth clean.  
The Earth needs to be  
healthy and clean.



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**Second Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Zoe Moore**

**Weisser Park**

### **Recycle**

Recycling is fun to do.  
It's fun for me. It's fun for you!  
Do not just throw away good things  
Like boxes from the chicken wings.  
Water bottles, jars and cans,  
We are making GO GREEN plans!  
Newspaper and safety pins,  
These are not for your trash bins!  
Recycling is fun for you.  
It really is easy to do.

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**Second Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Alexa Walters**

**Croninger**

### **Save The Earth**

Go Green!  
That is my dream!  
To save the trees  
So we can breathe.  
  
If we recycle,  
To save the Earth,  
New generations will give birth.  
  
So please do your share  
and show you care.  
Go Green!

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**Second Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Ben Henschen**

**Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran**

### **A Matter of My Heart**

I like to ride my bicycle  
To collect things to recycle.  
Gathering a can  
To give to the recycling man.  
Finding some glass  
Tossed into the grass  
With all this litter,  
I feel like getting bitter.  
But no, I'll do my part.  
It's a matter of my heart!  
Off to the recycling site,  
Let's make this planet right!





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Second Grade – Honorable Mention  
Alexis Harper

Oak View

**GO**

**G**uard our Earth  
**R**ecycle and reuse  
**E**njoy riding a bike  
**E**fficient energy we use  
**N**otice the beauty  
and never abuse

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Third Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Sophie Parrent

Homeschool

**A Gift Giver**

Grows you food  
That you can eat  
Apples and oranges  
Are a good treat.

Builds a home  
For squirrels and birds  
and even people  
“Thank you” would be good words

We share the air  
And nice cool shade  
And from the trunk  
Is paper made

These are some gifts  
To you, from me  
How do I know?  
I am the tree!

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Third Grade-2nd Place  
Sam Dick

Weisser Park

**Healing the Earth**

Plants blowing in the breeze,  
litter surrounds the trees.  
Smoke pollutes the air,  
especially when the weather is fair.  
The environment keeps us alive,  
for a cleaner one we strive.  
Recycling needs to be a part of our day,  
do not just throw stuff away.  
Global warming hurts our Earth,  
so turn off the lights for what it's worth.  
Let's do our best to put this to a stop  
If we do, Earth will be back on top.



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**Third Grade-3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Kelsey A. Matthias**

**Croninger**

**Be a Green Machine**

Be a lean, mean, recycling machine.

Stand up and be a man.  
Drink up and recycle your can.

Collect and recycle all of your trash,  
and as a bonus, get some cash.

When you shop, don't ask for plastic.  
Bring your own bags, now that's fantastic.

Be real smart when you take a shower.  
Make it short, not an hour.

Save our planet.  
Make it clean.  
Do your part and GO GREEN!

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**Third Grade-Honorable Mention**  
**Emily Johnson**

**Canterbury**

**Why?**

Who is doing this?  
The people, of course.  
Why are they doing it?  
Because they don't care  
about you.

What are they doing?  
Trashing the Earth, of  
course.

When are they doing it?  
Every second, of course.  
Where are they doing it?  
Sadly Everywhere.

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**Third Grade-Honorable Mention**  
**Bethany Zeckzer**

**Central Lutheran**

**Our Earth**

Our grass is green and  
Our leaves are green  
Let's save our environment  
And keep it clean.



If we clean our environment  
The plants will grow  
And our frogs and reptiles  
Will stay on the go.  
  
The trees will grow  
And the flowers will bloom  
And all the insects  
Will have enough room.  
  
The lily pads will float and the  
Birds will sing  
The moss will spread and the  
Jungles vines will swing.  
  
If we ride our bikes  
Everywhere that we go  
Our environment would be saved  
From pollution and ozone.  
  
We were given this earth  
A place to live and grow  
If we all go green  
We will stay on the go.

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**Fourth Grade-1st Place**  
**Avery Volz**

**Croninger**

### **Green Kids**

We might be small but there is a lot we can do  
To keep the skies clear and the oceans blue  
When you go to the park don't travel in a car  
Ride your bike or walk instead, it's not that far  
You should also not throw those empty pop cans in the trash  
Instead recycle them for extra cash  
And don't leave that trash in your neighborhood lying around  
Help save our planet and pick it up off the ground  
Saving energy will also help us win the fight  
When you leave a room remember to turn off the light  
Water is another resource we can not live without  
So when brushing your teeth turn off the water spout  
As you can see small things can make a difference too  
To preserve our planet for me and you





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Fourth Grade-2nd Place  
Hailey Collins

Saint Joseph Hessen Cassel

### **Go Green**

Plant a tree  
you and me.  
Recycle now  
I'll show you how.  
Make the Earth clean  
and beautiful green.  
Make enough room  
for the flowers to bloom.  
To grow more food  
and I'm not being rude.

Go Green!!  
(It's not mean)

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Fourth Grade-3rd Place  
Taylor Barrette

Holy Cross Lutheran

### **Saving Energy**

Turn the heat down so you save some money,  
Open the curtains so it will be sunny.  
My parents tell me to turn out the light,  
And save some energy like the night.  
Staying green is what we seek,  
Recycling paper every week.  
Save water and don't use a lot,  
Make sure it isn't too hot.  
Going green is what we should do,  
It will make the earth new.

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Fourth Grade-Honorable Mention  
Morgan Moloney

Holy Cross Lutheran

### **Save the Planet**

When you're not using electrical machines,  
Turn them off and you're going green.  
Switch off the faucet when you're done,  
It will be fast and save you a ton.  
You can buy a reusable bag at the store,  
Bring it back and use it some more.



When clean water goes down the drain,  
We'll have really clean and pure rain.

Screw a fluorescent bulb in the socket,  
You're saving energy so don't knock it.

Keeping the earth green is for our own good,  
I think if we could we should.

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**Fifth Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Andrew Danielson**

**Sunnybrook**

### **Go Green**

The grass in Indiana,  
Is green and fresh in spring.  
It waves in the breezes,  
And ripples in the wind.

I'd like to see the rivers,  
Burble sparkling and clean,  
And see the fish jumping,  
A very pretty scene.

The morning air, so clean and sweet,  
The morning dew under my feet.  
The grass, river, and air so free,  
That's the way God meant it to be.

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**Fifth Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Brittany Marquart**

**Adams**

### **RECYCLE!!!**

Reuse  
Earth's  
Cans  
You  
Can  
Live  
Easier

Than before when you just threw your trash  
Outside and left it





Behind you and walked away  
Earth is  
Cool and  
Outstanding, so stop throwing your trash  
Outside because you  
Live here  
Stop littering and start recycling!!!

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**Fifth Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Gina Obergfell**

**St. Jude**

**The Three Rs**

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.  
Go green, plant trees,  
Car pool, ride a bike.  
You can save the Earth.  
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.  
Use less paper, cut down less trees.  
If everyone helps out,  
We can save the Earth

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**Fifth Grade – Honorable Mention**  
**Braydon Gass**

**Holy Cross Lutheran**

**"Go Green"**

Picking up  
Throwing away  
Recycling  
Conserving energy  
Wind mills and solar panels  
Making the earth healthy!!!!

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**Fifth Grade – Honorable Mention**  
**Veronica Chunn**

**Adams**

**Help Planet Earth**

If a tree is lonely, give it a friend.  
If trash is on the ground, help it up  
If the earth does not want any more smelly gas,  
then ride a bike  
If the grass has a bald spot,  
then give them some more grass friends



If the trash is saying HELP ME HELP ME  
then go out and put it in the recycle bins  
to safely use it again

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**Sixth Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Michaela Mintch**

**Memorial Park**

**Wonderful Sites Being  
Ruined**

Swoosh, swoosh,  
The cool breeze  
Rushing water flows underneath your feet.  
Insects, bugs, buzzing by.  
Birds are chirping,  
Squirrels are playing.  
Daisies, roses, tulips, blooming.  
These are the wonderful things.  
Endangered species,  
Glaciers melting,  
Animals dying,  
Daisies, roses, tulips dead.  
Water gone where's the spring?  
Those are the horrible things and there is,  
Much, much, more.  
Think of the wonderful things you are ruining,  
By not going green.



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Sixth Grade – 2nd Place  
Molly H. McCune

Memorial Park

### Go Green

When you go green  
You save the earth  
From being polluted  
You can easily go green  
By recycling, reusing, and reducing  
It is just as simple as using  
A florescent light bulb  
Recycling cans and card board  
We use for taking a shower  
Or brushing your teeth  
So next time you go to take a shower  
Or drink some pop remember to recycle, reuse and reduce  
So lets go green

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Sixth Grade – 3rd Place  
Grace King

St. Paul's Lutheran

### Solution

I am blue.  
I am green.  
These are colors of the world.  
Water and land.  
I have been clean until now.  
I will be gone if you...  
Don't take care of me.  
Please get a  
Solution for  
Pollution.





## The Great Trees

Trees sway  
to and fro  
this way  
and that.  
The air  
smells like  
a crisp apple  
in the fall.  
The world  
around me  
is beautiful,  
as I lay on  
my back  
watching  
the clouds  
change.  
Suddenly,  
the air  
becomes  
really bad  
smelling.  
The clouds  
turn as dark  
as a black cat  
in the night.  
There's also  
a very loud  
noise coming  
from behind me.  
I turn and see  
something that  
surprises and  
saddens me.  
Chop CHOP...  
CRASH! A tree  
falls to the ground.  
The sad part about  
it is, that tree  
could've been  
an animals home.  
Why would anyone  
want to chop down  
the green trees?  
I thought.  
I should stop it,  
but how?



### Go Green

Everywhere I look,  
Everywhere I see,  
Goin' green this,  
Goin' green that,  
But what does it mean?

Mother Earth is home to you  
And to me.  
So why don't you see?!  
She's here for us,  
And I'm here for her.

Save our Earth,  
Save our world,  
Everything we all live for.

Are you?

It's not just about you,  
Or just about me,  
This is for eternity.

Everywhere I look,  
Everywhere I see,  
We are green this,  
We are green that,  
And I know what it means.

We're all caught up in  
What to do,  
What to be;  
And she bleeds.

### Go Green!

I think everybody should start to go green  
It's an easy and fun way to make this earth clean  
It isn't so hard to do a good deed  
So we should step up and plant a seed  
To save some gas we could ride a bike  
Or we could get up and go on a hike  
We waste so much plastic just to get a drink  
When we could simply get tap water from the sink  
Why do we need to use so much artificial light?  
When the sun in the sky can be just as bright  
So why is it so hard for us to catch on?  
Let's do something now before our earth is gone.





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Seventh Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Will Jettinghoff

Holy Cross Lutheran

**GO GREEN HAIKU**

She cries in the night  
Mother nature cries for earth  
Her earth is broken

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Seventh Grade – Honorable Mention  
Nick Busse

Leo

If you don't go green  
the world won't be clean  
  
If we don't act fast,  
the world won't last.  
  
We need to work together,  
to make the world better.  
  
Have a heart,  
take a part.  
  
Recycle your cans,  
be part of the plan.  
  
Reduce, reuse,  
its up to you to choose.

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Eighth Grade-1st Place  
Stephan Gieschen

St. Paul's Lutheran

**Going Green**

The winds have changed  
The time has come  
To reverse the things  
That man has done  
  
The earth cries out,  
Its message clear  
"Stop the abuse!  
My end is near!"



Step by Step  
We make a change  
Our priorities  
Must rearrange

Reduce, reuse, and recycle  
Please!  
The planet welcomes  
Each of these

To restore its health,  
To keep it clean  
To save the earth  
We must go green

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**Eighth Grade-2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Lucinda Brennan Waldschmidt**

**Memorial Park**

### **Going Green**

The wind is her lungs  
which we have damaged  
The summer rains are her tears  
we have made her shed  
The stones are her bones  
on which she lets us step  
The trees are her hands  
that are gentle and give us life  
And the animals are her eyes  
with which she watches

Life, life, life...  
We're put on this earth to protect and to love  
To get along with all things below and above  
Why do we hurt and curse at our mother  
We should only be kind to her and one another  
We pollute her lungs and cut down the trees  
Her hands are all scarred; she can barely breathe  
The animals are going extinct I say  
Her eye sight is leaving her day after day  
Wipe off her sad tears and make them joy  
By planting more trees and crops like soy



Help save all animals and the habitats they live in  
Don't waste so much energy and give off pollution  
We can join hands and make it through this  
Bringing peace to this earth for that is our purpose.

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**Eighth Grade-3rd Place**  
**Emily Barrand**

**Memorial Park**

### **Go Green**

Imagine a world where the air is clean.  
The sky is clear and the grass is green.  
The roads are bare, the cars aren't out  
The people walk, and never pout.  
This dream could come true if we all pitch in  
This is a battle that we could win.  
Just try your hardest to save the Earth  
You might not know how much it's worth.  
Try recycling things; don't throw them away  
Conserve your water every day.  
Drive to work less; walk there more  
Doing small things is not a chore!  
If everyone would help just a bit  
It would all add up and we could quit  
worrying for our childrens' sake  
A better world is what we would make.

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**Eighth Grade-Honorable Mention**  
**Sarah Bellavance**

**Canterbury**

### **Green Trees**

Some like blue trees  
Some like pink  
Some like purple trees  
Maybe... I think?  
Some like grey trees  
As weird as it seems  
But all like green trees  
At least in our dreams





### **The Clearing**

The trees whisper in the wind  
as the river gurgles past  
with brightly-colored pebbles  
showing through the crystal clear water.  
The flowers smile radiantly in the sun.  
A fox slips silently through the tall grass  
and pauses at the river  
to lap up some sweet cool water.  
It sniffs the air—untouched by pollution.  
Quickly the fox runs away  
as a herd of deer runs by  
startled by someone  
hiking through the woods.  
Finally the clearing is silent and empty  
The crickets begin to chirp  
and geese honk overhead  
as the golden sun sets.

### **The Oak**

The leaf-bare oak whispered  
As the powerful gust  
Of wind rustled  
The branches of leaves.  
“Awaken, from your slumber,”  
Said the mighty oak  
To the other trees in hibernation.  
They awoke with a groan as they



Stretched from the long winter  
Of the eminent forest.  
Upon the other trees, both young and old,  
Grew back upon them, leaves of gold,  
As the coyote let up a howl.  
As the bullfrog gave a croak.  
They bowed before the almighty oak.

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**Eighth Grade-Honorable Mention**  
**Al Stovall**

**Canterbury**

Our relationship with oil  
Is much more than a friendly correlation  
Between user and used  
It is rather an addiction  
A craving that clouds the senses  
Rendering us oblivious  
To the suffering  
Of our great planet  
One that nurtured us  
And was good to us since we were young  
And as there is a cure for every disease  
There is a therapy for every addiction  
Now as a whole  
The world needs to GO GREEN  
And save this earth while we can  
For who would destroy a world  
In which they know  
That their children and grandchildren  
Would have to repair?

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**Ninth Grade-1st Place**  
**Jade Muncy**

**Bishop Dwenger**

### **The Last Tree**

Never before  
have I been alone.  
I look out at the empty wasteland,  
Where my brethren once stood,  
Where the animals once roamed.  
Where now the flowing wind  
Whips with her merciless torrent  
She is angry  
Without the lush canopy  
To play in.



I'd like to say this was the cemetery  
Of my brothers.  
But alas,  
They have been kidnapped  
I cry my silent cry for them.  
My brethren who watched over me  
Since I was a seedling.  
Protecting me  
As I grew.  
We watched the centuries go by,  
Time dancing around our aging trunks,  
Building us stronger  
As it passed.

But now all has gone.  
They are but a memory.  
Destroyed without a thought.  
And soon,  
It will be my turn.

The wind mistress returns to me.  
But now her chill  
Is comforting.  
Goodbye wind,  
I always thought you were beautiful.  
A heavy machine  
Laden with sharp edges and  
Pointed corners  
Comes nearer  
And nearer.

Now that the end is so close,  
I think;  
*Humans.*

I worked for centuries  
To provide them with oxygen  
So they could live.  
We all did.  
Now they kill us  
With their sharp machines,  
And brutish greed.  
And most definitely,  
I would give  
Anything in the world,  
For all of humanity to  
**GO GREEN.**





**My Planet**

My Planet is so big  
And how I miss it.  
Its great blue sky  
Its great light shine.

My planet's ocean is so  
wide and how I miss  
the ocean being so bright  
with clear crystal shine.

My planet's plants  
are so full of life.  
But how I miss  
seeing them so green  
and full of shine like  
The dandelions that  
Fly so high

My planet which  
I love so much  
I miss your warm  
breezes and cold  
winters I miss  
your beautiful sun  
light and your crystal  
clear water.

When you take in a breath,  
You breathe in fresh air.  
But how can you do that,  
If it is not there?

In the summer when it's hot,  
You seek out a tree.  
But soon it may be gone,  
You ask, "How can this be?"

I'll tell you this now,  
Because later is too late.  
What if all the beauty of nature,  
Started to abate?

What if the leaves never fell,  
And snow was not white?  
What if flowers never bloomed?  
Wouldn't that be a fright?

You say, "That is crazy!"  
"Who would ruin the seasons?"  
The answer is human,  
For one simple reason.

We are ruining the earth  
Out of our unyielding greed.  
We always want something better.  
But we should only take what we need.

We tear up the earth,  
And cut down most trees  
You ask, "Can't we stop this?"  
"Can't we end it, oh please?!"

The answer is yes.  
You can do your share.  
Just take what is yours,  
And give the earth better care.

Just turn off the lights,  
And plant a new tree.  
You may be surprised,  
How easy it can be.

So I ask you this now,  
And tell every friend,  
That if you do your part,  
We'll all win in the end.



Go Green!

Green is the color of the earth.  
This color gave birth.  
2 trees, 2 leaves  
And everything in between.  
The grass is green.  
Because the blades  
Tickle your skin  
Fulfill your needs.  
Go green  
Is the theme of the day.  
Think of the environment when you walk by and play.  
Green is the color of my heart.  
Recycling trash  
Inspires me to start  
Thinking about saving the earth.  
Just don't let the earth die.  
Protect it anyway you can.  
The grass is a blessing.  
If it's not protected  
There's no way to save the earth.  
From grass, trees the green gave birth.

Snow

I watch the snow fall lightly on the ground  
Twirling and swirling out of the gray sky  
It slowly forms a great big heaping mound  
I'm watching it go spinning by and by

How can something so fragile, wet, and white  
Become a blanket that emanates cold?  
It falls down silently in the dark night  
Creating shades of white that are so bold

It seems like stars are falling from above  
The strings that bound them to the sky are gone  
The earth is now their true and only love  
They turn to snowflakes at the coming dawn

The snow comes with the hidden wind that blows  
When morning comes the world is coldly froze.



### **I Am a Recycle Bin**

I wonder why people abuse me.  
I hear things fall from above me.  
I see things fall into me.  
I want people to use me more often.  
I am a recycle bin.

I pretend not to pay attention to people.  
I feel the grass from underneath me.  
I touch the ground.  
I worry about what will happen in the future.  
I cry when I feel and see myself burn.  
I am a recycle bin.

I'm understanding why this is happening.  
I say to myself why, why, why?  
I dream one day it will all change.  
I try to help others not pollute.  
I hope to bring pollution away.  
I am a recycle bin.

### **Emotion Poem**

If the blue ocean were a different color  
It would be yellow  
As yellow as a sun brings a sunny day  
If water were a taste  
It would be just like oranges  
If yellow were feelings  
It would be sunflowers as a tree  
If water were a smell  
It would be as cool as a fountain  
If water were a sound  
It would be calm and peaceful



**Go Green!**

Go Green!  
Don't throw everything in the trash,  
Instead recycle!  
Next time you go for a Sunday drive  
Try riding your bicycle!

Go Green!  
Don't waste valuable resources,  
Like paper and (especially) the air;  
Mother Earth needs us as much as we need her,  
Let's show her that we care!

Go Green!  
Plant a tree.  
Make a difference.  
Give thanks to the environment.

By killing our planet  
We are committing suicide.  
Without these resources,  
Human life cannot survive.

So if you don't believe  
*Our planet* deserves your help  
At least...  
Go Green!  
To save *yourself*.

don't make Her miss Him

Today  
asks not for lavish gifts.  
She cares little for jewels  
or opulent abodes. keep them.

Today  
asks only for Tomorrow  
dearest, unruly and unpredictable  
don't make Her miss Him.

don't make Her miss  
His replenishing, fresh downpours, soaking  
the refuge tree where Today sits  
under, watching the new children bloom.





don't make Her miss  
His blazing, blistering rays, beating  
down on the giddy, giggling waves  
welcoming Today into their arms.

don't make Her miss  
His many changing colors, aweing  
as She sails by. The crisp breeze  
coaxing Today along

don't make Her miss  
His spiteful, icy winds, robbing  
Today of her warmth  
replaced with waves of nostalgia

**Today is solid, set in stone**  
always here and  
always there. dependable.  
infinite.

Tomorrow is flimsy, never confident  
maybe here and  
sometimes there. questionable.  
indefinite.

She cherishes him  
He depends on Her  
She relying on us  
we cannot let Her down  
don't make Her miss Him

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**Eleventh Grade-2nd Place**  
**Katie DelBello**

**Bishop Dwenger**

More than What is Seen

Autumn.

A fire-cracking rainbow of hues

Discerning

A warm wonder of family,

And the captivating beauty

Of nature.

Trees whistling

Melodically

In perfect harmony

With the low cooing of the still effervescent birds,

Who desperately await

The formation of that "V" in the sky.

Dark nights, accompanied by the ever illuminated

Shining specks of aesthetic glee,

Placate the peace and inviting stillness as the world

Says good night.



Welcoming, out-spread arms of  
Golden radiance greets a  
New day,  
A new twenty-four hours  
To live,  
Where mistakes can be fixed, and  
Memories established,  
And the perfect panorama of creation may shine  
Once more.  
Why anyone would ever disrupt such a  
Grandeur of elegance,  
Is pure selfishness and  
Criminal.  
The world is a keepsake of  
All that is good,  
All that is bad,  
All that is beautiful,  
And of all that is mysteriously questionable,  
And no one,  
No greatest amount of authority  
Or smallest,  
Ever acquires the right  
To destroy it.

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**Eleventh Grade-3rd Place**  
**Nicholas Westerhausen**

**Leo**

### **“Sprouts”**

Sprouts  
appear.  
His leaves grow.  
Slowly does He gain  
green to contrast the sky’s blue.  
Against the world He holds his strong arms above.

His leaves grow full and vibrant,  
providing shade for each one  
who so chooses to shelter  
beneath his sprawling umbrage.  
Lazy summer days turn night.



Green to red to yellow to brown. Slowly now they fall.  
Once in His grand arms above,  
they fall away and spread  
His life, no  
longer  
sprouts.

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**Eleventh Grade-Honorable Mention**  
**Jade Pressler**

**Bishop Dwenger**

### **Handful of Water**

Earth is like a handful of water,  
if you open your fingers  
the water will slip out,  
but if you keep your fingers close together,  
the water will stay in your hands.

Earth and Life are precious gifts,  
gifts that should be preserved for all to see.  
As long as there is one person,  
one person to marvel  
at the beauty God created,  
then there is a chance,  
one chance to preserve that beauty.

Don't widen your fingers.  
Don't let beauty and nature fall to never be seen again.  
Keep your fingers close,  
and cradle Life,  
like a newborn infant.

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**Twelfth Grade-1st Place**  
**Justin M. Green**

**Wayne**

### **Garden of Beginning**

It all began with a seed of life and as time passed, it grew into a beautiful garden.  
We can no longer see the Garden of Beginning or thank it for giving us life.  
For the Garden of Beginning disappeared from our world after its gifts were given.  
Some believe the garden never was and life began by a passing of time.  
While others search for the garden in order to obtain its gift of giving life to us all.  
When all that needs to be done is stop taking away from the world.  
And plant new seeds of our own.  
Then after the passing of time, the world will once again flow with green life again.





### Green

Green... happiness, peace, serenity...  
color of earth, color of life, color of nature...  
green symbolizes simplicity, simplicity in nature,

Green...a vision of simplicity, of nature, of peace...  
reminds us of a time of purity and happiness...  
before the world was full of only people and simple houses...  
only filled with the perfect, clean place originally created by Mother Nature.

We may have already doomed our generation to the hell that will come...  
we may not be able to fix our current crisis on our planet...

If only we could return to that era...  
return to a time with pure simplicity of mind and soul...  
If only, If only.....

### Help save the world

Can anyone save the world?

Does anyone have a cure for this world?

This world needs help. A lot of people are dying and crying so loud and where is the  
crowd to help them?

Please help save the world.

Our world isn't clean and there's so much pollution

Let's do our part

to be Earth smart

let's show that we care  
about this world we share

Help save the world.

Let's clean up our forests,  
our rivers, our lakes;

let's clean up our world...

do whatever it takes. I want to live in a clean and peaceful environment. So please  
help save the world.



### **Melting Planet**

as O<sub>2</sub> pours out of engines  
the air thickens and raises up just to get caught in  
the atmosphere  
again  
and again  
although none of us care  
if we could do our best  
to "Go Green"  
the polar bears would not be drowning  
and the ecosystem would not be thirsty  
for clean air  
help Mother Earth!

c'mon kids;  
go green or  
go home







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